

Appl. No. 09/687,092
Response dated 09/28/2009
Reply to Decision On Appeal of 08/26/2009

REMARKS

In the Decision On Appeal, Claims 6 and 23 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. The rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-22 and 24-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103 were affirmed. Applicants have amended Claims 6 and 23 so that they no longer depend on rejected base claims. Applicants have canceled Claims 1-5, 7-22 and 24-30 from the application.

Applicants believe Claims 6 and 23, as amended, recite patentable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request allowance and passage to issue of the claims in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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